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*Pranab K. Das*

Chairman

D.O. F.No. 917/02/DEPT. OFFICES/HRD-ID/2019

07<sup>th</sup> January, 2019

My Dear *Colleagues,*

As per CBIC online asset register, department has 468 number of owned office buildings across India. However, as a department has grown over the years we have hired a huge amount of office space due to which expenditure has increased from Rs. 163.24 crores in the year 2014-15 to 391.85 crores in the year 2017-18. We have 1249 number of hired buildings all over India resulting in this huge outflow of rent. We have been receiving proposals from field formations for purchase of land and for construction of office buildings but an exercise needs to be undertaken to identify the requirement of having our own office buildings in major cities across India which can be built in course of the next few years. You are hereby directed to take personal interest in this matter and send proposals of purchase of land and construction of office building to DGHRD within this month after uploading the online asset register under intimation to DGHRD.

2. I also find that the expenditure incurred on infrastructure has been very low till December, 2018. In case of Minor Works 70 crores was allocated to budgetary authorities only 17.39 crores has been spent upto December, 2018 (24.85%) whereas the expenditure upto December, 2018 as per the monthly expenditure plan should have been 75%. Similarly, under Capital Head 4059 (office building) while the budget allocation for 2018-19 is 181 crores the expenditure upto December is only 14.21 crores (7.85%). In respect of 4216 (residential quarters) BE for 2018-19 is 121 crores but the expenditure is only 2 crores till December, 2018.

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3. You are hereby directed to urgently take steps to hold meetings with CPWD/NBCC etc. to ascertain the reasons for slow expenditure and I am sure that funds are utilised to the maximum extent by the end of this financial year.

4. I along with all the Members of board will be holding a Video Conference with all Chief Commissioners/Director Generals tomorrow, i.e. 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at 5.30 p.m. during which your plan about construction of new office buildings in place of hired ones and also your plan to utilise the funds both for Minor Works as well as for construction under Capital Head will be discussed.

Looking forward to a positive and fruitful interaction with you tomorrow.

With

*warm regards,*

Yours sincerely,



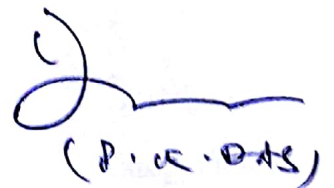
(Pranab Kumar Das)

To,

All Pr. Chief Commissioners/ Pr. Director Generals/Chief Commissioners/Director Generals of CGST & Customs.

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